

TRUGGLE

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ten Worley was injured in a tackle and had to be carried off the field. Chesham had more of the play subsequently.

Even when Worley returned after ten minutes the Wanderers were still kept largely on the defensive by the speedy Chesham forwards.

JAMES SCORES

It was against the run of play when Wycombe took the lead after 26 minutes, when centre forward JAMES, taking a pass from Trott, beat Morris close in.

Chesham hit back strongly and Syrett was called on several times to clear threatening raids.

Truett and Fryer tried hard to get the Wycombe forwards in action, but only Worley had much success in moving the ball in the mud and much of the play was confined to midfield.

Half-time: Wycombe Wanderers 1, Chesham United 0.

The busy Fryer initiated a series of strong Wycombe attacks early in the second half and Morris did well to save one accurate corner kick by Worley.

Then Chesham were unlucky not to score in a brisk attack start when Hornsey smacked in a stinging shot which hit goal-

keeper Syrett as he was turning into the goalmouth.

At the other end, a long-range drive by Truett, in excellent form for Wycombe, sped inches wide.

POOR FINISHING

Play swung quickly from end to end with neither side claiming sustained advantage and marksmanship on both sides lacking final punch.

For Wycombe Truett provided the biggest thrill with a smart solo run and a brilliant centre from which James just failed to save. Half-an-hour after the resumption Wycombe increased their lead, again rather against the run of the play, when Beck took a free kick just outside the penalty area and Worley planted the ball squarely into the goalmouth for Bates to head past Morris.

Just before the end GILMOUR scored for Chesham following a corner kick by Endersby.

RESULT:

WYCOMBE WANDERERS 2
CHESHAM UNITED 1

WYCOMBE IN A THRILLER

Wycombe W 2, Chesham U 1

WYCOMBE found it unexpectedly tough going against a fast and resourceful young Chesham side, in this Berks and Bucks senior cup semi-final, at Aylesbury.

Adopting forthright, direct tactics which proved more effective in the mud, Chesham often had Wycombe defending desperately.

Handicapped by an early mishap to their right winger Len Worley, who went off after a time with a leg injury, Wycombe failed to reproduce their customary slick form in attack. Chesham, with Hornsey and Gilmour active on the left wing, kept the initiative for long periods in the first half.

It was against the run of play when centre-forward Peter James put Wycombe ahead after 26 minutes. With their forwards largely eclipsed subsequently by the quick-tackling Chesham backs, they were lucky to cross over one up.

Twice Chesham were unlucky not to score in the second half, when shots by Hornsey were blocked on the goal line.

Wycombe were well served in defence, with Fisher keeping a close rein on centre-forward Cornes and Beck often prominent with timely clearances.

But the Wycombe heroes were the wing-halves Truett and Fryer, whose dominance in midfield turned the scales in the gruelling second half. Both tested Chesham's clever young goalkeeper Morris before Bates scored Wycombe's second goal 15 minutes from time. He headed in a centre by Worley after a free kick by Beck.

After this the Wycombe forwards found their best form. But although they were on top towards the close, Chesham continued to hit back gallantly, and in the last two minutes inside-left Gilmour reduced the lead with a neat header from Endersby's corner kick.